



18334

MORGAN L. FITCH, JR.
 FRANCIS A. EVEN*
 JAMES T. TABIN
 JOHN F. FLANNERY
 ROBERT B. JONES
 JAMES J. SCHUMANN
 JAMES J. HAMILL
 TIMOTHY E. LEVSTIK
 JOSEPH E. SHIPLEY
 KENNETH H. SAMPLES
 PHILIP T. PETTI
 JOSEPH T. NABOR
 STEVEN C. SCHROER
 RICHARD A. KABA*
 KARL R. FINK
 MARK W. HETZLER
 TIMOTHY P. MALONEY
 JAMES P. KRUEGER
 STEPHEN S. FAVAKEH
 RICHARD E. WAWRZYNIAK
 STEVEN G. PARMELEE
 THOMAS F. LEBENS
 BRUCE R. MANSFIELD
 KENDREW H. COLTON*
 G. PAUL EDGELL*
 MICHAEL A. SANZO*
 SCOTT A. MENGHINI
 NORMAN N. KUNITZ*
 RUDY KRATZ
 RAMON R. HOCH*

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW

Established in 1859

SUITE 401L - 1801 K STREET, NW
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006-1201

TELEPHONE (202) 419-7000

FACSIMILE (202) 419-7007

ILLINOIS OFFICE

SUITE 1600 - 120 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60603-3406

TELEPHONE (312) 577-7000

CALIFORNIA OFFICE

SUITE 250 - 9276 SCRANTON ROAD, SAN DIEGO, CA 92121-7708

TELEPHONE (858) 552-1311

COLORADO OFFICE

SUITE 213 - 1942 BROADWAY, BOULDER, COLORADO 80302

TELEPHONE (303) 402-6966

March 30, 2004

EDWARD E. CLAIR
 JON A. BIRMINGHAM
 JOHN E. LYHUS
 STEVEN M. FREELAND
 DONNA E. BECKER
 MICHAEL G. VRANICAR
 BRIAN S. CLISE
 MARTIN R. BADER
 DEREK L. PRESTIN
 MARK A. BORSOS
 DAVID R. JAGLOWSKI
 TIMOTHY R. BAUMANN
 JEFFREY A. CHELSTROM
 NICHOLAS T. PETERS
 KENNETH A. PLOCHINSKI
 MEGAN J. REDMOND

PATENT AGENTS

ERIC J. WHITESELL
 LILIA I. SAFONOV

OF COUNSEL

GEORGE W. SPELLMIRE, JR.
 LISA M. SOMMER
 GEORGE H. SPENCER, P.C.*

TECHNICAL ADVISOR

JOHN M. BRONK, PH.D.

*ADMITTED TO D.C. BAR; D.C. PRACTICE OF
 ALL OTHERS LIMITED TO FEDERAL COURTS
 AND AGENCIES

Commissioner of Patents
 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
 2011 South Clark Place
 Customer Window, **MS Patent Application**
 Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
 Arlington, VA 22202

Re: New U.S. Patent Application
 (Claiming Priority to German Appl. No. DE 103 14 618.0)
 Appl. No.: to be assigned
 Filed: herewith
 Title: **Process for the Production of
 L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the
 Enterobacteriaceae Family**
 Inventor(s): Rieping, Mechthild
 Atty. Dkt.: 7909/81000

Dear Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. U.S. Patent Application entitled:

**PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
 L-AMINO ACIDS USING STRAINS OF THE
 ENTEROBACTERIACEAE FAMILY**

22264 U.S. PTO
 10/812315



033004

and naming as inventor(s): Mechthild Rieping

the application comprising:

21 pages of Specification (numbered as pages 1-21);
4 pages of Claims (numbered as pages 22-25);
a one-page Abstract (numbered as page 26);
1 sheet of formal Drawings (labeled as Fig. 1); and
5 pages of Sequence Listing (numbered separately as pages 1-5);

2. a 3.5 inch diskette containing a compute readable copy of the Sequence Listing;
3. Preliminary Amendment (3 pages);
4. Submission of Priority Document in Accordance with Requirements of Rule 55 with priority document attached;
5. General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
6. General Authorization to Charge Deposit Account; and
7. Two (2) return postcards.

This application claims the benefit of German application no. DE 103 14 618.0, filed on April 1, 2003, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), Applicants' undersigned attorney hereby states that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith are the same.

A separate written request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), which is a general authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) as incorporating such a petition is enclosed.



18334 U.S. PTO

Commissioner of Patents
March 30, 2004
Page 3

Fee Calculation

The filing fee is calculated as follows:

	Total		No. Extra	Rate	Fee
Basic Filing Fee					770.00
Total Claims Fee	20	20=	0	\$ 18.00	0.00
Independent Claims Fee	2	3 =	0	\$ 86.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Fee				\$ 290.00	290.00
TOTAL FEES DUE					1,060.00

The application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 without the Declaration and without the filing fee.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed postcards be stamped with the serial number and the date the enclosed documents are received by the PTO and that it be returned as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY

Michael A. Sanzo
Reg. No. 36,912
Attorney for Applicant

MAS:ct
Enclosures

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

Rieping, Mechthild

Appl. No.: to be assigned

Filed: herewith

For: **Process for the Production of
L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the
Enterobacteriaceae Family**

Art Unit: to be assigned

Examiner: to be assigned

Atty. Dkt.: 7909/81000

**General Authorization for Petition for
Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)**

Commissioner of Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
2011 South Clark Place
Customer Window, **MS Patent Application**
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Applicants hereby request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3) by this general authorization that any concurrent or future reply submitted by Applicants to the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the above-identified patent application requiring a petition for an extension of time under §1.136(a) for its timely submission be treated as incorporating therein a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

If Applicants do not timely pay for any extension fee(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) which may become due for this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 by check, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fee(s), and any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135 under Order No. 7909/81000.

Respectfully submitted,

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY

By



Michael A. Sanzo
Reg. No. 36,912
Attorney for Applicant

Date March 30, 2004
1801 K Street, N.W., Suite 401L
Washington, DC 20006-1201
Phone: (202) 419-7013

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

Rieping, Mechthild

Appl. No.: to be assigned

Filed: herewith

For: **Process for the Production of
L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the
Enterobacteriaceae Family**

Art Unit: to be assigned

Examiner: to be assigned

Atty. Dkt.: 7909/81000

General Authorization to Charge Deposit Account

Commissioner of Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
2011 South Clark Place
Customer Window, **MS Patent Application**
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135 under Order No. 7909/81000.

Respectfully submitted,

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY

By *Michael A. Sanzo*
Michael A. Sanzo
Reg. No. 36,912
Attorney for Applicant

Date *March 30*, 2004
1801 K Street, N.W., Suite 401L
Washington, DC 20006-1201
Phone: (202) 419-7013